

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

BY-LAW 2020-12

Being a by-law to amend By-law 2018-24, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Billings

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides municipalities the authority to allow members of council to participate in open meetings electronically; and,

WHEREAS the *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020*, provides municipalities the authority to allow members of council who participate in open and closed meetings electronically to be counted for the purposes of quorum during emergencies declared by the province or the Mayor;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Billings hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT By-law 2018-24, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Billings, is amended to include the following provisions:

- 4.1 In the event of an emergency as determined by the Mayor or CAO/Clerk, a special Meeting to deal with a matter deemed to require immediate action may be held as soon as practical following notification to members of Council. The notice calling an emergency special Meeting of Council shall state the business to be considered and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be considered at such Meeting.

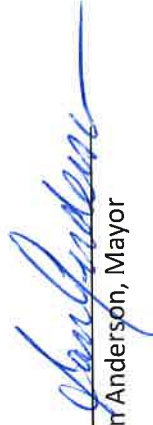
- 5.1 In the case of an emergency Meeting, notice shall be given by posting the agenda on the township website as soon as is practicable.

29. ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION

Members of Council may participate in a Meeting by telephone or other electronic means in an emergency or urgent unforeseen event as determined by the Mayor, provided that:

- (a) Members participating electronically shall be considered present at the Meeting but shall not be counted towards Quorum. Members will have the ability for full participation including the ability to vote. A physical Quorum of Members must be present at the Meeting to constitute a valid Meeting unless otherwise provided by legislation or a government act;
- (b) The number of Members who may participate by electronic means in the same Meeting shall be determined by the Mayor, in consultation with the CAO/Clerk;
- (c) Members may not participate electronically in any Meeting that is closed to the public unless otherwise provided by legislation or a government act;
- (d) The Chair must be present in person at a meeting when feasible; and,
- (e) For the purposes of this section, 'electronic means' includes telephone, video or audio conferencing or other interactive methods whereby members of Council, staff and the public are able to hear the Members participating by electronic means and the Members participating by electronic means are able to hear other Members, staff and the public.

Read a first and second and third time in open council and enacted this 27th day of March, 2020.


Ian Anderson, Mayor


Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk